

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0063] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0063] If the inventive thermoplastic composite sheet 1 is formed into a panel for use as a building material, the thermoplastic composite sheet 1 is then placed in the molding machine 41 as shown in FIG. 5. Then, pellets comprising about 10-60% by weight of reinforcing fibers with a length of less than 30mm and about 40-90% by weight of thermoplastic resin containing an inorganic filler and a pigment were introduced into the molding machine 41 and molded into the given shape, thus making the molded article [[44,]] 43, such as a lighter-weight and higher-strength panel for use as a building material. Molding methods which can be used to form the inventive thermoplastic composite sheet 1 into a panel for use as a building material, such as a form include high-pressure injection, low-pressure injection, such as compression molding after extrusion or compression molding after injection, and press molding after heating.

Please replace paragraph [0065] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0065] If the thermoplastic composite sheet 1 according to the present invention is used to manufacture an automobile part, such as a bumper back beam, the thermoplastic composite sheet cut into a given size is then preformed into the preform 42 with a given shape as shown in FIG. 7. The preform 42 is placed in the molding machine 41, and formed into a given shape together with pellets comprising about 10-60% by weight of reinforcing fibers with a length of less than 30mm and about 40-90% by weight of thermoplastic resin containing an inorganic filler and a pigment, as done in the case of making the molded article [[44,]] 43, such as a panel for use as a building material, for example, a form. This gives the molded article 43 with lighter weight and higher strength, such as an automobile part.

Please replace paragraph [0069] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0069] According to the present invention, the building material and automobile part as described above can be manufactured by molding the thermoplastic composite sheet 1 into a given shape in the molding machine 41. Alternatively, as shown in FIG. 9, the building material or the automobile part may also be manufactured by placing the continuous reinforcing fiber-impregnated prepreg layer 20 in the molding machine 41 and then performing the molding process as described above. In another alternative embodiment as shown in FIG. 10, the building material or the automobile part may be manufactured by placing in the ~~[[mold]]~~ the molding machine 41 the continuous reinforcing fiber-impregnated prepreg layer 20 preformed into a given shape, and then performing the molding process as described above.